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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:
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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name
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listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is
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described and claimed in international application number _____
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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified
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§1.56. Under Title 35, U.S. Code §119, the priority benefits of the following
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French patent application No 97 08815 filed July 7, 1997

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